

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN JENKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for roll call votes 127 and 128 on the evening of March 7, 2017. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1362, which names the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic. I would have also voted in favor of the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127; and YEA on Roll Call No. 128.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 1362, a bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic (Roll Call No. 127), I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present for the vote on Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair (Roll Call No. 128), I would have voted "No."

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WILLIAM FRANCIS RYAN, U.S. ARMY RETIRED

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 2017, Families of the Shield, Inc. will honor the life and sacrifices of Command Sergeant Major William Francis Ryan (USA, Retired) by raising the United States flag over a Big Red One Statue at Eddie's Sunrise Diner located at 55 E. NASA Blvd. in Melbourne, Florida. On February 28, 2017, at my request, the Architect of the Capitol flew the United States Flag over our Capitol Building to further honor Command Sergeant Major Ryan.

Command Sergeant Major Ryan first joined the Merchant Marines and received six Russian medals. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 landing on Omaha Beach June 6, 1944, with the first wave of American soldiers. Ryan was a member of the 1st Inf. Div.'s 16th Infantry Regiment during D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. During his 30 plus years of service he also volunteered for numerous tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam.

William Ryan retired from the military in 1973 to enjoy his boat, volunteer at the Honor America Museum. Over the years, made several trips back to Belgium and France to honor our fallen heroes, most recently for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

Command Sergeant Major Ryan's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medals with (V) Device, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal (1st–9th Awards), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (GER), National Defense Service Medal (1OLC), Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Services Medal, Belgium Fourragere, In Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ 60 Device, Combat Infantry Badge.

William Ryan is survived by his beloved daughter Corrine and her husband Charles; his son Mark, his wife Shannon and their son Paul; his former wife, Lorraine Ryan; predeceased by his son, David W. Ryan and his sister, Margaret Christie. He will be remembered by his many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Command Sergeant Major William F. Ryan's service to our nation and his commitment to the cause of liberty.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on March 1, 2017, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted:

NO on Roll Call Vote 116, H. Res. 156, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1004, the Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017; and H.R. 1009, the OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act.

I would have cast my vote in opposition to this resolution because the Rules Committee rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter of New York to consider both H.R. 1004 and H.R. 1009 under open Rules. The Rules Committee also rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to strike the waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1009 which includes waiver of CUTGO, statutory pay-go, and sections 303 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 127 and 128 on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on roll call vote 127 and "Nay" on roll call vote 128.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote number 128 on Tabling the Appeal of the

Ruling of the Chair, I mistakenly recorded my vote as yes when I should have voted no.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, on account of illness, I was not present for votes on March 7, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127, and YEA on Roll Call No. 128.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on February 28, 2017, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present, would have voted:

NO on Roll Call Vote 104, H. Res. 150, On Agreeing to the Resolution—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 998) SCRUB Act, and providing for consideration of (H.J. Res. 83) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to Clarification of Employers Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness.

I would have cast my vote in opposition to this resolution because the Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. HASTINGS of Florida to strike the waiver of section of 311 of the Congressional Budget Act for H.J. Res. 83.

## IN RECOGNITION OF MUSLIM LAKHANI

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Muslim Lakhani, for his contributions to Virginia's 10th District and the nation. Mr. Lakhani, a Pakistani immigrant and entrepreneur, has long championed efforts to promote tolerance among different faiths, to partake in charitable projects, and to conduct strong, forward-thinking business practices.

Mr. Lakhani grew up in Karachi, Pakistan and later became an entrepreneur. His many business ventures allowed him to travel to countless countries throughout the Middle East and Europe. However, it was the lessons he learned as a young child that have truly shaped his humanitarian and caring mindset that he maintains today.

Growing up in Pakistan, he and his family always place a very strong focus on helping those less fortunate. After moving to the United States in 2006, Mr. Lakhani was regularly reminded of his family's values as he watched organizations like the Salvation Army help the homeless in Washington, D.C. Since 2008, Mr. Lakhani has been a strong supporter, contributor, and advocate for the Grate